

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 1474, Check Truncation Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12565–S12634*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1731–1738, S. Res. 243, and S. Con. Res. 73. **Page S12607**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1146, to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–165). **Page S12607**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 243, designating the week of October 19, 2003, through October 25, 2003, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”. **Pages S12622, S12632**

**Public Printer Authority:** Senate passed H.R. 3229, to amend title 44, United States Code, to transfer to the Public Printer the authority over the individuals responsible for preparing indexes of the Congressional Record, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12632**

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, Iraq and Afghanistan:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1689, making emergency supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan security and reconstruction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12574–79, S12579–99**

#### Adopted:

Ensign Amendment No. 1839, to reduce the amount available for reconstruction in Iraq by the amount that is used to repay bilateral debts owed by Iraq. **Pages S12578–79, S12579–80**

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 383), Byrd Amendment No. 1846, to modify the report

requirements with respect to the Coalition Provisional Authority. **Pages S12585–89**

Boxer Amendment No. 1844, to require a report on replacing U.S. troops with Iraqi forces or other non-U.S. forces in secure areas of Iraq. **Page S12590**

Feingold Amendment No. 1847, to provide transparency and accountability with respect to the Coalition Provisional Authority. **Page S12589**

Reid (for Corzine) Amendment No. 1851, to require the President to submit periodic reports to Congress on the total projected costs of United States operations in Iraq, including military operations and reconstruction efforts, through fiscal year 2008. **Pages S12589–90**

Graham (SC) Modified Amendment No. 1805, to express the sense of Congress that arbitrary deadlines should not be set for the dissolution of the Coalition Provisional Authority or the transfer of its authority to an Iraqi governing authority. **Pages S12581–82, S12590**

Reid Amendment No. 1836, to express the sense of Congress on damages caused by the regime of Saddam Hussein during the First Gulf War. **Pages S12590–91**

Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 1842, to require reports on the utilization of the National Guard and Reserves. **Pages S12580–81**

By 95 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 384), Graham (SC) Modified Amendment No. 1806, to express the sense of Congress that the removal of the Government of Saddam Hussein has enhanced the security of Israel and other United States allies. **Pages S12591–92, S12593–95**

#### Withdrawn:

Reid/Lincoln Amendment No. 1835, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability. **Page S12577**

Pending:

Byrd Amendment No. 1818, to impose a limitation on the use of sums appropriated for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund. **Page S12574**

Byrd/Durbin Amendment No. 1819, to prohibit the use of Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Funds for low priority activities that should not be the responsibility of U.S. taxpayers, and shift \$600 million from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund to Defense Operations and Maintenance, Army, for significantly improving efforts to secure and destroy conventional weapons, such as bombs, bomb materials, small arms, rocket propelled grenades, and shoulder-launched missiles, in Iraq. **Page S12574**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 1825, to provide additional VA Medical Care Funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S12574**

Durbin Amendment No. 1837, to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform certain service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred. **Page S12574**

Reed/Hagel Amendment No. 1834, to increase the end strength of the Army and to structure the additional forces for constabulary duty. (By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 382), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S12576–77**

Stevens Motion to Reconsider the vote by which the motion to table Reed/Hagel Amendment No. 1834 (listed above) failed. **Page S12577**

Feingold Amendment No. 1852, to enable military family members to take leave to attend to deployment-related business and tasks. **Pages S12592–93**

Daschle Amendment No. 1854, to achieve the most effective means of reconstructing Iraq and to reduce the future costs to the American taxpayer of such reconstruction by ensuring broad-based international cooperation for this effort. **Pages S12595–96**

Feinstein Amendment No. 1848, to require reports on the United States strategy for relief and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and to limit the availability of certain funds for those efforts pending determinations by the President that the objectives and deadlines for those efforts will be substantially achieved. **Pages S12596–98**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 1858, to set aside from certain amounts available for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund, \$10,000,000 for the Family Readiness Program of the National Guard. **Page S12598**

Reid (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 1859, to promote the establishment of an Iraq Reconstruction Finance Authority and the use of Iraqi oil revenues to pay for reconstruction in Iraq. **Pages S12598–99**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 381), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Corzine/Durbin Amendment No. 1811, to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 to 55. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S12574–75**

Chair sustained a point of order against Lincoln Amendment No. 1829, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve tax equity for military personnel, as being in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S12582–85**

Chair sustained a point of order against Reid Amendment No. 1838, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veteran Affairs for their disability, as being in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S12577–78, S12591**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 16, 2003. **Page S12633**

**Check Truncation Act—Conference Report:** Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1474, to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12632–33**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Marguerita Dianne Ragsdale, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti. **Page S12634**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S12603–07**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Page S12607**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S12607–09**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S12609–22**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S12601–03**

Amendments Submitted: Pages S12624–31  
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 Authority for Committees to Meet: Pages S12631–32

Privilege of the Floor: Page S12632

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—384) Pages S12575, S12577, S12588, S12594

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 16, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S12633–34.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SECURITIES MARKETS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities and Investment concluded a hearing on the future of the securities markets, focusing on the structure of the U.S. equities markets, with particular regard to their fairness and efficiency, after receiving testimony from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 811, to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 300, to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation, and to express the sense of Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson; and

The nominations of Harvey S. Rosen, of New Jersey, and Kristin J. Forbes, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, Peter Lichtenbaum, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

### WATER BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings to examine S. 943, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into 1 or more contracts with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of water

in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming, S. 1027 and H.R. 2040, bills to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska, S. 1058, to provide a cost-sharing requirement for the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on a water conservation project within the Arch Hurley Conservancy District in the State of New Mexico, S. 1307, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to assist in the implementation of fish passage and screening facilities at non-Federal water projects, S. 1308, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to pursue and complete actions related to the implementation of a U.S. District Court Consent Decree, S. 1355, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, S. 1577, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming, H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project, and S. Res. 183, commemorating 50 years of adjudication under the McCarran Amendment of rights to the use of water, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Representative Musgrave; John W. Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and James W. Broderick, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Pueblo.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1066, to correct a technical error from Unit T-07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1643, to exempt certain coastal barrier property from financial assistance and flood insurance limitations under the Coastal Barriers Resources Act and the National Flood Act of 1968, with amendments;

S. 1663, to replace certain Coastal Barrier Resources System maps;

S. 1669, to reauthorize the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act; and

The nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

**ROAD MAP TO PEACE**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs met in closed session to receive a briefing to discuss overcoming obstacles to peace relating to the Middle East road map from William J. Burns, Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs.

**ROAD MAP TO PEACE**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded a hearing on overcoming obstacles to peace relating to the Middle East road map, after receiving testimony from Dennis Ross, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, D.C.; Rabbi Michael Melchior, former Deputy Foreign Minister, and Dror Etkes, Peace Now, both of Jerusalem, Israel; and Boaz Ganor, International Policy Institute on Counter-Terrorism, Herzlia, Israel.

**AMERICAN INDIAN PROBATE REFORM ACT**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 550, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, after receiving testimony from Wayne Nordwall, Director, Western Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; D. Fred Matt, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, Pablo, Montana; Maurice Lyons, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Banning, California; Lisa C. Oshiro, California Indian Legal Services, Washington, D.C.; and Austin Nunez, Indian Land Working Group, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of D. Michael Fisher, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum and Representatives Hart and Murphy; Dale S. Fischer, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein; and Gary L. Sharpe, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Clinton, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**PORNOGRAPHY VICTIMS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing on the oversight of Department of Justice to protect victims of pornography, focusing on enforcement efforts against those who produce and disseminate adult obscenity and child pornography, after receiving testimony from John G. Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, J. Robert Flores, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, and Mary Beth Buchanan, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh), all of the Department of Justice; Lawrence E. Maxwell, Inspector in Charge, Fraud and Dangerous Mail Investigative Programs, United States Postal Inspection Service; Bruce A. Taylor, National Law Center for Children and Families, Fairfax, Virginia; Victor Cline, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; and Steven Takeshita, Los Angeles Police Department, Organized Crime and Vice Division, Los Angeles, California.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Measures Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 3290–3304; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 301–302 and H. Res. 397–399, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages H9478–79

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1899, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, (H. Rept. 108–313);

H.R. 1828, to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil and illegal shipments of weapons and other military items to Iraq, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for the serious international security problems it has caused in the Middle East, amended, (H. Rept. 108–314);

H.R. 1702, to designate the Federal building which is to be constructed at 799 First Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building” (H. Rept. 108–315);

H.R. 2134, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure with respect to bail bond forfeitures, amended, (H. Rept. 108–316);

H.R. 3118, to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia (H. Rept. 108–317);

H.R. 3140, to provide for availability of contact lens prescriptions to patients, amended, (H. Rept. 108–318);

H.R. 3198, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, (H. Rept. 108–319); and

H. Res. 396, providing for consideration of H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–320). **Page H9477**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Ralph Clay, Christ's Community Church in Portsmouth, Ohio. **Page H9385**

**Order of Business—Emergency Supplemental Appropriations:** Agreed that the period of debate on the subject of emergency supplemental appropriations under the order of the House of Wednesday, October 14, be limited to five hours. **Page H9386**

**Order of Business—Permission to address the House:** Agreed that at any time on the legislative day of October 15, 2003, Representatives Lewis of California and Obey each be recognized to address the House for 30 minutes. **Page H9385**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Recognizing America's Jewish community:** H. Con. Res. 106, recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month"; **Pages H9396–98**

**Supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month:** H. Con. Res. 270, supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month; **Pages H9398–H9400**

**Congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 U.S. Little League Champions:** H. Con. Res. 273, recognizing and congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 United States Little League Champions; **Pages H9400–01**

**Recognizing Inspectors General over the last 25 years:** H.J. Res. 70, amended, recognizing Inspectors General over the last 25 years in their efforts to pre-

vent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government;

Agreed to amend the title so as to read "Joint Resolution commending the Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years". **Pages H9401–03**

**Eddie Mae Steward Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 1883, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601–1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office"; **Pages H9403–04**

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitors Center Act:** H.R. 1442, amended, to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; **Pages H9404–07**

**Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act of 2003:** H.R. 1092, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada;

Agreed to amend the title so as to read "A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada." **Pages H9407–09**

**Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003:** H.R. 1598, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California; **Pages H9409–10**

**Johnstown Flood National Memorial Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003:** H.R. 1521, amended, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania; **Pages H9410–11**

**Awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Dorothy Height:** H.R. 1821, to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Dorothy Height in recognition of her many contributions to the Nation; **Pages H9411–16**

**Defense Production Reauthorization Act of 2003:** S. 1680, amended, an original bill to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950; **Pages H9416–18**

**Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003:** H.R. 1828, amended, to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil and illegal shipments of weapons and other military

items to Iraq, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for the serious international security problems it has caused in the Middle East by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 543; and

**Pages H9418–31, H9442–43**

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations:** The House began debate on the subject of a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Further proceedings on the subject will continue tomorrow, October 16.

**Pages H9431–40, H9443–64**

**Energy Policy Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House agreed to the Capps motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people by a yeas-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 540.

**Pages H9440–41**

**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the Crowley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act by a yeas-and-nay vote of 203 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 541.

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**Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the Schakowsky motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003 by a yeas-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 542.

**Pages H9441–42**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9385.

**Senate Referral:** S. 1053 and S.J. Res 18 were ordered held at the desk.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9479–83.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

## Committee Meetings

### MEDICAID—EVALUATING COORDINATION CARE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Evaluating Coordination of Care in Medicaid: Improving Quality and Clinical Outcomes.” Testimony was heard from Rhonda Medows, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration, State of Florida; Jeffrey Simms, Assistant Director, Division of Medical Assistance, State of North Carolina; Melanie M. Bella, Assistant

Secretary, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, State of Indiana; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE—ACHIEVING DIVERSITY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held an oversight hearing entitled “Achieving Diversity in the Senior Executive Service.” Testimony was heard from George H. Stalcup, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; Ronald P. Sanders, Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, OPM; Carlton M. Hadden, Director, Office of Federal Operations, EEOC; Gail T. Lovelace, Chief Human Capital Officer, GSA; JoAnne Barnart, Chief Financial Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Reginald F. Wells, Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources, SSA; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: S. 625, Tualatin River Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2003; H.R. 2831, Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility Transfer Act; and H.R. 3210, Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins Water Feasibility Act. Testimony was heard from Mark A. Limbaugh, Deputy Commissioner, External and Intergovernmental Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives Kirk, Shays, Manzullo, Pence, Obey, Lantos, Spratt, DeFazio, Tanner, Waters, Deutsch, Stupak,

Faleomavaega, Hastings of Florida, Maloney, Scott of Virginia, Wynn, Harman, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Lee, Sherman, Reyes, Rodriguez, Holt, Larson of Connecticut, Moore, Matheson and Watson.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1087)

H.R. 659, to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act regarding the requirements for mortgage insurance under such Act for hospitals. Signed on October 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–91)

H.R. 978, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments. Signed on October 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–92)

S. 111, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park. Signed on October 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–93)

S. 233, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System. Signed on October 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–94)

S. 278, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area. Signed on October 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–95)

H.R. 1925, to reauthorize programs under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act. Signed on October 10, 2003. (Public Law 108–96)

H.R. 2826, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1000 Avenida Sanchez Osorio in Carolina, Puerto Rico, as the "Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building". Signed on October 10, 2003. (Public Law 108–97)

S. 570, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools. Signed on October 10, 2003. (Public Law 108–98)

H.R. 2152, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program. Signed on October 15, 2003. (Public Law 108–99)

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold a closed briefing on the intelligence portion of the FY04 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations request, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine proposals for improving the regulation of the Housing GSEs, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the pursuit of security and democracy in Afghanistan, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine U.S.-EU Cooperation on regulatory affairs, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine access to postsecondary education in relation to reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Missouri River Master Manual, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1545, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents, S. 1691, to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II, and the nominations of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, George W. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Deborah Ann Spagnoli, of California, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission, and Dora L. Irizarry, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine recent litigations against food companies relative to common sense consumption, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to examine new generation cooperatives and strategies to maximize farm and ranch income, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on Department of Defense Long-Term Budget Issues, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Financial Collapse of HealthSouth,” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Reviewing U.S. Capital Market Structure: The New York Stock Exchange and Related Issues,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, hearing on “You’ve Got Mail—But is it Secure? An Examination of Internet Vulnerabilities Affecting Businesses, Governments and Homes,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled “Castro’s Cuba: What is the Proper United States Response to Ongoing Human Rights Violations in Our Hemisphere?” 3 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, hearing on the Federal Election Commission Enforcement Procedures, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on United States Policy in Afghanistan: Current Issues in Reconstruction—Part II, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, to mark up H.R. 2760, Resolution of the Ethiopia—Eritrea Border Dispute Act of 2003, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on “The GAO’s Recent Report on the Implementation of Executive Order 12630 and the State of Federal Agency Protections of Private Property Rights,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, to mark up H.R. 3261, Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on “Visa Overstays: A Growing Problem for Law Enforcement,” 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, to hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 280, National Aviation Heritage Area Act; H.R. 704, Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act; H.R. 1399, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area

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*Committee on Science*, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 279, recognizing the significance of the anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program, and reaffirming the commitment to support the use of science in governmental decision-making through such Program; and H. Res. 395, recognizing the importance of chemistry to our everyday lives and supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week; followed by a hearing on The Future of Human Space Flight, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled “Is America losing its lead in high-tech: implications for the U.S. defense industrial base?” 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on the Transportation Security Administration’s Perspective on Aviation Security, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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*Select Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, hearing on H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2003, 4 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

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**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1689, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act.

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